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SUBJECT: OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CHEMICALS GROUP:
16TH MEETING, APRIL 18-20, 1978 PARIS

REF: STOCKHOLM MEETING OF PREVIOUS WEEK

SUMMARY: CHEMICALS GROUP AGREED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
OF STOCKHOLM MEETING AND ELABORATED THESE AS SPECIFIC
NEW PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
IN 79 CHEMICALS PROGRAM. GENERALLY AGREED THAT ADDITIO-
NAL TASKS WOULD REQUIRE DOUBLING OF EXISTING FUNDING
LEVEL FOR CHEMICALS ACTIVITY. THE GROUP DEVELOPED
PROPOSAL TO ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CONCERNING STEERING/
MANAGEMENT FUNCTION TO OVERSEE PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CHEMICALS GROUP AGREED TO TAKE AS ITS MAJOR
ITEM FOR REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STOCKHOLM
MEETING. THE GROUP FELT THAT ALTHOUGH THE EXISTING
CHEMICALS WORK PROGRAM MET SOME OF THESE NEEDS, SIGNI-
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FICANT ADDITIONAL WORK WOULD BE REQUIRED.

2. ACCORDINGLY GROUP PREPARED WORK PROGRAMS FOR
FOLLOWING NEAR TERM PRIORITY AREAS: GOOD LAB PRACTICES,
INFORMATION EXCHANGE, CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA, GLOSSARY
OF KEY TERMS AND ECONOMIC AND TRADE EFFECTS.

3. GROUP FELT THAT CHEMICALS GROUP SHOULD FULFILL THE STEERING COMMITTEE FUNCTION REFERRED TO IN STOCKHOLM CONCLUSIONS. GROUP WOULD INTEND TO MEET IN THAT SPECIFIC CAPACITY IN SPECIAL SESSION WHEN NECESSARY AND WOULD PREFERABLY HAVE RIGHT TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO OECD COUNCIL. IN ADDITION IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT ANY PART II CONTRIBUTIONS MIGHT NECESSITATE MEETING OF CONTRIBUTING PARTIES AS A SEPARATE "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE" TO OVERSEE USE OF SUCH FUNDS.

4. GROUP REQUESTED ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES FOR FINDING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO TAKE ON NEW WORK-LOAD WHICH ESTIMATED TO REQUIRE APPROXIMATE DOUBLING OF EXISTING SECRETARIAT RESOURCES.

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(CURRENTLY ESTIMATED AT SEVENTY ONE MAN MONTHS PER YEAR).
STRONG RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE THAT AT LEAST EXISTING
LEVEL OF PART I FUNDING BE MAINTAINED.

5. CANADA MADE PROPOSAL, ON BEHALF OF SOME IMPORTING COUNTRIES, FOR INTERNATIONAL ACCORD ON CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS, INCLUDING CODE OF SELF REGULATION BY INDUSTRY, GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, TIMING OF REGULATIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL NOTIFICATION, DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES AND ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS. GROUP WAS ASKED TO CONSIDER

MEANS FOR INTERNATIONAL DECISION-MAKING REGARDING NECESSARY CONTROLS AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SMALL NON-OECD COUNTRIES. GROUP AGREED TO TAKE UP PROPOSAL AT NEXT MEETING.

6. AMBASSADOR SALZMAN POINTED OUT TO USDEL THAT ESTIMATES ON COSTS OF EACH NEW PRIORITY AREA SHOULD BE AS PRECISE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE FUNDING, FROM WHATEVER SOURCES, SO AS TO COMMENCE ACTION ON ITEMS IDENTIFIED AT STOCKHOLM. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ENVIRONMENT SECRETARIAT, FOLLOWING ESTIMATED BREAK-
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DOWN OF RESOURCES WAS OBTAINED FOR THE CHEMICALS GROUP FOR CY 78: A) EXAMINATION OF STRENGTHENED ACTIVITIES OF CHEM GROUP: 10 MAN/MONTHS (CONSULTANTS); B) CHEMICALS TESTING PROGRAM: 12 MAN/MONTHS; C) INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN PCB/HG: 6 MAN/MONTHS; E) WILDLIFE SAMPLING 12 MAN/MONTHS; F) ECONOMIC STUDIES (ITEMS 5.6 & 5.7 OF ENV 78.8): 21 MAN/MONTHS.
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